410 Beckley Road

Berlin Fairgrounds

Bengston Dairy on Beckley Road

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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Town No.:	Site No.:
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QUAD:	
DISTRICT ☐ S ☐ NR	IF NR, SPECIFY ☐ Actual ☐ Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)

2. TOWN CITY: Berlin | VILLAGE: | COUNTY: Hartford

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location): 410 Beckley Road 11-3/132/8

4. OWNER(S): Berlin Agricultural Fair Assoc. 468 Beckley Rd. Berlin 06037 ☐ Public ☒ Private

5. USE (Present): Residence (Historic): Residence

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD ☒ Yes ☐ No | INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE ☐ Yes ☒ No | IF YES, EXPLAIN

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Vernacular | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 18th century

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
☒ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☐ Brick ☐ Other (Specify) ____
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Siding ☐ Fieldstone
☐ Board & Batten ☐ Stucco ☐ Cobblestone
☐ Aluminum Siding ☐ Concrete Type: ____ ☒ Cut stone Type: ____

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
☒ Wood frame ☐ Post and beam ☐ balloon
☐ Load bearing masonry ☐ Structural iron or steel
☐ Other (Specify) ____

10. ROOF (Type)
☐ Gable ☐ Flat ☐ Mansard ☐ Monitor ☐ sawtooth
☒ Gambrel ☐ Shed ☐ Hip ☐ Round ☐ Other (Specify) ____

(Material)
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Roll Asphalt ☐ Tin ☐ Slate ☐ Gable end to the street
☐ Asphalt shingle ☐ Built up ☐ Tile ☐ Other (Specify) ____ ☒ Ridge parallel to the street

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 1 1/2 | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 37' x 28'

12. CONDITION (Structural) ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated | (Exterior) ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) ☒ On original site ☐ Moved | WHEN ? | (Alterations) ☒ Yes ☐ No | IF YES, EXPLAIN: Most exterior fabric new.

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
☒ Barn ☐ Shed ☐ Garage ☐ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
☐ Carriage house ☐ Shop ☐ Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
☐ Open land ☐ Wood-land ☐ Residential ☒ Scattered buildings visible from site
☐ Commercial ☐ Indus-trial ☒ Rural ☐ High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
At eastern edge of Berlin Fairgrounds.

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DESCRIPTION (Cont'd)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (Interior and/or exterior)

This house has a five-bay facade. The central entry has a molded surround and a modern door. Windows are fitted with 2-over-2 sash and modern storm sash. The gambrel roof has three symetrically placed shed-roofed dormers. Large twin chimneys appear to be recent or repaired. To the rear is a shed-roofed one-story extension.

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

SIGNIFICANCE

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Located on the Berlin Fairgrounds, this house has been so extensively repaired that virtually no original fabric (other than the molded entry surround) is visible. Nonetheless, the brownstone ashlar foundation and the characteristic massing mark this as an 18th-century structure. The roof dormers may well have been added during the 19th century, although they are not unknown in 18th-century gambrel-roofed houses.

During the early 19th century, this house was held by Captain Elishama Brandegee, a sea captain and trader who owned a good deal of property in the northeast corner of Berlin (then known as Beckley Quarter). Its 18th-century history proved impossible to trace.

SOURCES

Berlin Land Records 15:638 (1826)

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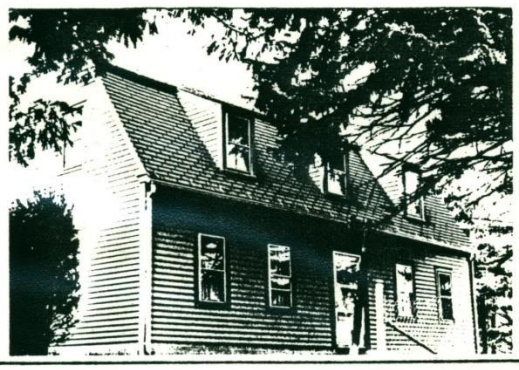
20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS



21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- [X] None known
- [ ] Highways
- [ ] Vandalism
- [ ] Developers
- [ ] Other
- [ ] Renewal
- [ ] Private
- [ ] Deterioration
- [ ] Zoning
- [ ] Explanation